

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 3 April 2018  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister and Chair, JoAnn Robinson
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes March 6, 2018. Approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Issued a loan.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
Sculpture in Service of Social Justice: Cyrus Dallin's Monumental Tributes to America's Indigenous Peoples with Heather Leaveall.  
Learn how Dallin, through his art and advocacy, pioneered the role of the artist as an agent of social change. To help understand the way towards more inclusive art in America, the focus will be on the history of three of his local monuments:  
"Menotomy Indian Hunter" in Arlington, Massosoit Ousamequin in Plymouth and  
"Appeal to the Great Spirit" outside of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
  - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- The Committee met and approved six applications.
  - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) –  
  
Historical Commission FY 2018 Budget – Commissioner JoAnn Robinson reviewed the budget and asked for a budget increase. FY-16 expenditures were \$1238.00, FY-19 expenditures were \$2096.00 and FY-18 expenditures were \$3000.00.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
  - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
  - c. 89 Beacon Street 4/17 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
  - d. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - e. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - f. 27 Wyman Street 10/17 Stange- Repairing windows on side of house, but needs to replace windows on the front of the house and talk with monitor about choices.
  - g. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year demolition delay.
  - h. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- Nothing to report.
  - i. 630 Massachusetts Ave 1/18- Guthrie – Nothing to report.

- j. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
- k. 99 Claremont Avenue 2/18-Guthrie
- l. 635 Massachusetts Avenue 3/18-Robinson
- m. 36 Draper Avenue added tonight 4/18- Schaefer

#### 6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings) Robinson/Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Bid documents posted- open bids for CPA project next week.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Follow up on email.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

#### 7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Formal Hearing for 36 Draper Avenue with Alison Vaishnaw, Cordelia Dawson and Robert Annese. Also in attendance: Bruce and Mary Trvalik, Akshay Vaishnaw, and Nathaniel May

The Arlington Historical Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, to review proposals for changes to the house at 36 Draper Avenue and the request to demolish and rebuild the carriage house at this address.

The Commission reviewed the plans presented by Alison Vaishnaw (owner), Cordelia Dawson, and Robert Annese including the request to demolish and rebuild the existing carriage house on the property. Commissioners approved the plans by a unanimous vote.

Commissioners discussed the plans to replace the existing windows with new Marvin Ultra Wood windows. The new windows and any replaced trim will match the style and details of the original double-hung windows. The proposed addition will extend the first floor of the back and sides of the house and includes a new porch on the SE elevation. The addition siding and details will match the original house elements and new windows and trim will also match the corresponding elements on the original house. All new foundations will be concrete clad with fieldstone.

The Carriage House will be demolished and rebuilt with the same proportions as the existing building. The new building will be rebuilt with the same materials as the original, e.g. wooden clapboards of the same proportions and double-hung wooden windows. Since the new building will be used as a garage, two new garage doors will replace the existing wooden doors, in consultation with the project monitor. Efforts will be made to preserve and reuse the existing cupola and the original bricks will be used to rebuild the chimney.

Monitor will be Dianne Schaefer. Any changes to these plans must be discussed with Dianne.

New Business: The Arlington Historical Commission is concerned about the proposed changes to our demolition delay bylaw. A plan is in place to meet with Doug Heim, Town Counsel, and Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, to discuss.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be May 1, 2018 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.